

SUSI SNYDER: My name is Susi Snyder, S-u-s-i, S-n-y-d-e-r. And I don't want to come to a public meeting and not be able to see the public. I feel really rude turning my back to everybody in the room. If you can see me okay, thanks.

All right. I have a number of comments. And again my name is Susi Snyder. I work with the Shundahai Network, S-h-u-n-d-a-h-a-i, network, and we're in Pahrump. And we will be submitting more formal comments later on.

- 1 [My first request is that there be an extension to this comment period, because as it's been said, there's -- I mean, it's a lot of information to review. 45 days is not enough time to review it. Since there really -- the end point, the final is not -- I mean, it's due in December, so extending the comment period at least an additional 45 days isn't really going to throw a wrench into the works really -- so request an extension for that comment period.

Secondly, this is a national program, and we're all aware that this is a national program that the transportation would affect 43 states. And this Supplement and the hearings on this Supplement should be available to people nationally.

I recognize they can contact the department for a copy, but hearings, as hearings were held across the country on the DEIS, hearings for this should also be held across the country so that people can speak to what they'd like to, speak to this project.

And that brings me to hearings here in Nevada. This state is rural. Everybody who came here today had to drive some distance. People who live up in Beatty, people who live up in Elko County, who live up in Reno, who live up in Carson City have just as much of a right to comment as people who live here, and they're not always able to make the trip to come down here. And so hearings should be held in a more -- in a wider region than just in these three towns. So I'm asking for that.

- 2 [All of this additional design work here in this supplemental DEIS is based on a presumption of what the regulations will be. It's a presumption of those regulations. These regulations, these proposed regulations are not finalized yet. They're not implemented yet.

And I recognize no final can come out until the regulations are out, and how can the DOE start asserting that this project will meet those final regulations when there are no final regulations yet. That's kind of a question/comment.

A podium would be really helpful.

- 3 [The next comment is that the water permit for the project expires next spring, and there's no evaluation in this Supplement, or as I recall in the Draft EIS either on what would happen, what the impacts would be on if no water rights were allowed at the site. And would water be trucked in? There's no evaluation of that, so that's kind of lacking here. ]

I have questions and comments in here, so they're intermingled. If somebody can come up to me and talk to me afterwards, that would be great.

- 4 Here's another question. [Does placing the waste packages closer together create more of a hazard, a higher combustibility, and does it create more of a terrorist target? And that I didn't see at all evaluated in the Supplement, the idea of terrorism out at the mountain, and so I'm concerned about that. ]

- 5 [Also, doesn't the need -- like the Supplement talks about the need for ongoing study and analysis, the continued evolution, I guess you'd call it, of the design. And doesn't that indicate that the site is not ready for a recommendation if the design isn't in place, if it's going to continue to evolve? How long is the design going to continue to evolve? Is it going to evolve until waste actually arrives there? Is it going to continue to evolve past that? I'm not really clear on that and would like some clarity. ]

- 6 [Again on the fuel blending, and this is something new in the Supplement that I saw. Now, to do fuel blending you have to know the exact history of all the assemblies, as I understand it. Because the reactor sites, they do keep records and so on and so forth, but records often have mistakes.

And studies have been done that mistakes have been made in record keeping and the actual age of the fuel assembly. And I didn't see a really thorough evaluation of what would happen if those records were incorrect, fuel was blended that was thought to be older than it actually is, and what the consequences of that would be. And that's a big concern. ]

MR. FLAHERTY: The light's not working now.

SUSI SNYDER: Oh, Tim, I don't know if I believe you. You told me the light and now you're telling me not the light.

MR. FLAHERTY: I just looked at her stopwatch and it's well over five minutes. You still have a chance to come back, Susi, I promise.

SUSI SNYDER: Okay. Promises promises. DOE promised the Test Site would be safe. They're promising Yucca Mountain will be safe. Now Tim's promising me I can come back.

MR. FLAHERTY: I promise you can have another five minutes.

SUSI SNYDER: Okay. He's on record. You all got that. If I don't get another five minutes --

MR. FLAHERTY: I promise.

SUSI SNYDER: -- we all go after Tim. I'm just kidding. I know, you're in Nevada. You have to watch your back.

MR. FLAHERTY: Thanks, Susan. I'm leaving. What a good idea.